

**Governor Lamont's HB 7192 (Public Hearing on March 20, 2019): AN
ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
AND EFFICIENCIES**

Please submit and publish my objection to testimony HB 7192 as seen below:

"Sec. 7. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) There is established a Commission on Shared School Services for the purpose of developing a **plan** for the **redistricting** or **consolidation** of school services and school districts." (Line 444-447).

1) Concern #1 –

This Commission is given the mandate to redistrict or consolidate school services AND school districts. The word "redistricting" and "consolidating" are repeated seven other times in section 7 to 10.

2) Concern #2 -

The bill does not say whether the Legislature will get to vote on the plan developed by the Commission.

3) Concern #3 –

The Commission consists of 14 members ALL appointed by the Leaders of the Legislature and the Governor (Line 450-477) and will exist for **eight years until June 30, 2027** (Line 492). Parents and citizens alike will not have control in the formation of the Commission. Of the 14 members, only one member is required to be a parent of a student enrolled in a public school. Therefore, the views of parents will not be adequately represented in this composition.

Sincerely,

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